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Why I Can't Eat that Mac N Cheese!

All my life I have lived in the same town with the same people in the same house. My favorite color has always been green, and I have not touched a noodle of Mac N Cheese since the age of three. Most of my friends and I have been together since the days of diapers. As my friends and I become seniors, we face the daunting task of college applications and visits in our preparation for the next level.

When one goes on an average college visit, one can become a witness to a variety of theatrics. The standard college student, a.k.a. tour guide, is always a prime example. The tour guide will show all the places where students and even he or she "studies" while everyone on the tour, including the guide, knows otherwise. All around campus, students are staged doing different vital college activities. My favorite activity was a full demonstration of visiting the nurse for a band aid. I personally feel that at the age of 18, one should be fully skilled in the art of band-aiding to a point where one does not need a sixty year old woman to put it on one's finger. When the tour guide shows the mock "average" dorm room that is clean beyond all reason, one again sees the faked essence of student living. I went on a tour this summer, in which, I was shown a mock room in a building that was being torn down. The room was still extremely clean and looked great except it had a hole for a window and the walls were crumbling. Needless to say it lost all sense realism for me.

After witnessing this drastic change in personality, I asked myself why this was happening to these formally normal students. What evil force made them become a tour guide and show people fake dorm rooms? Even some upper classmen friends of mine that have moved on to college have changed into completely new people, too. Many students take college as a fresh start too an extreme. College is the start of a new chapter in life, but the past cannot be just forgotten or thrown away. As human beings, we base our judgment and beliefs off our experiences. What we have done in the past tells us how to act in the future. The beliefs of others should not control the actions of someone else, and one cannot be embarrassed about their former experiences. Others can be influences but not managers of others.

When I am at college, I am not going to forget the lessons I learned in high school or the beliefs my parents and grandparents instilled. I am going to apply my experiences and relationship to excel in the future, because no one can take away my past from me. I have to learn to live from my mistakes and make new decisions. I am going to keep my relationships from the past and forge new bonds for the future.

I believe in keeping the past in the present and the future and that no one should cover up your true identity.

My favorite color will still green and I will still despise Mac N Cheese. All this will stay, because some things in life are not meant to change with new experiences but last for a lifetime.